

REMARKS

Claims 25-27, 30, 32, 34, 37, 38, 40, 43, 45 and 48 are presently pending, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 19, 28, 31, 39, 41 and 44 having been canceled herein.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 19, 28, 31, 39, 41 and 44 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Bellamkonda et al., US 5,834,029 (Bellamkonda). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Moreover, this rejection is now moot in view of the cancellation herein of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 19, 28, 31, 39, 41 and 44.

Of the claims remaining in this application, claims 25-27, 30, 34, 37, 38, 40, 43, 45 and 48 are allowed, and claim 25 is objected to as depending from rejected base claim 1. Claim 25 has been amended herein to incorporate the subject matter of the rejected base claim and is thus believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding issues have been addressed and the present application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (703) 433-0510 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees required, to deposit account number 50-1047.

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